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methods for their use would of course make a difference in such history from any written in Virginia twenty years ago; but this is not all. The old Diocese of Virginia has never had a student of its past so well equipped as the present historiographer. His zeal for his work is only equalled by his industry in study of the sources and in the sound judgment and broadminded way in which he uses them.

Truro, the home parish of Washington and Mason, deserved a chronicle and it has been presented in the book before us in admirable fashion. The description of the work of the vestry shows how these eminent men received their early training in public business and the account of the building of Pohick church gives the details of Colonial church construction more fully than they have ever before been presented. There are also numerous biographical sketches of the prominent men of the parish.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Goodwin will continue his good work and present the history of other parishes of the Diocese.

**HISTORY OF THE HEBRON LUTHERAN CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, FROM 1717 TO 1907.** By Rev. W. P. Huddle, Pastor. Henkel & Company, New Market, Va., 1908, pp. xi, 116, with twelve illustrations.

The history of the oldest Lutheran congregation in the South is full of interest, and its pastor has done good work in telling its story. He has studied carefully the records in manuscript or print, and has made thoughtful and judicious use of his sources. The colony of Germans is traced from its settlement near Germanna, in 1717, until its removal to the beautiful valley of the Robinson River, then on the extreme frontier, about 1725. How they made the wilderness bloom, built a church, still standing, established a school (at least as early as 1748), and grew in numbers as they increased in prosperity, is well told. The later history of the congregation is brought down to the present day. The illustrations, showing the Robinson valley, the church, the communion service, organ, &c., are of interest.

Mr. Huddle's work can be heartily commended as a needed addition to our history.